

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

KEVIN J. THORNE

Serial No.: 09/746,921

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For: COMPOSITION AND PROCESS FOR  
BONE GROWTH AND REPAIR

Group Art Unit: 1654

Examiner: Patricia A. Leith

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(SBI-073-US)

**CUSTOMER NO. 45488**

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO  
FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED DECEMBER 2, 2004**

**MAIL STOP RCE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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May 9, 2005

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant petitions for an extension of time of three months to and including June 2, 2005, in which to respond to the final Office Action dated December 2, 2004.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, the fee of \$1020 for a three-month extension of time is included in the enclosed check.

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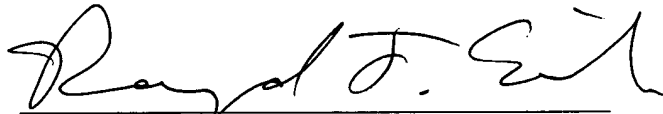
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Respectfully submitted,

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